GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA ABSTRACT

CAF&CS Department – Civil Supplies - Notification for requirement of Aadhaar under Section 7 of Aadhaar Act, 2016, by the Telangana State for the Public Distribution System providing of subsidy from consolidated fund of Telangana State – Orders - Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.I-CCS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.15 Dated: 02.12.2020.

Read the following:

1. Section 7 of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and services) Act, 2016

2. UIDAI circular No.I-1/2019-UIDAI (DBT), Dated: 25.11.2019

ORDER:

The following notification will be published in the extraordinary issue of the Telangana State Gazette., Dt. .12.2020.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the use of Aadhaar as an identity document for delivery of services or benefits or subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in transparency and efficiency, and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly in a convenient and seamless manner by obviating the need to produce multiple documents to prove one's identity.

And whereas, the Civil Supplies Department is administrating the Public Distribution System to distribute the essential commodities at subsidized rates to the poor BPL families through Fair Price Shops by using biometric/IRIS authentication of the beneficiaries which is being implemented through the ePoS machines.

And whereas, under the Public Distribution Scheme, the Essential Commodities i.e., Rice, Sugar, Wheat, Kerosene Oil and other subsidized commodities being distributed to the BPL families who are having Food Security Cards issued by this Department as per the relevant Scheme guidelines, and covering 2.79 crores beneficiaries under the scheme with an annual budgetary provision of Rs.2286.90 crores.

And whereas the aforesaid Scheme involves recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund of Telangana State.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016), the government of Telangana, hereby notifies the following, namely;

- 1. (1) An individual eligible for receiving the benefits under the Scheme shall hereby be required to furnish proof of possession of the Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication.
 - (2) Any individual desirous of availing benefits under the Scheme, who does not possess the Aadhaar number or has not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, shall be required to make application for Aadhaar enrolment before registering for the Scheme provided that he is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per section 3 of the said Act and such individuals shall visit any Aadhaar enrolment centre (list available at the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) website www.uidai.gov.in) to get enrolled for Aadhaar.

- (3) As per regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations 2016, the Department is required to offer Aadhaar enrolment facilities for the beneficiaries who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar and in case there is no Aadhaar enrolment centre located in the respective Block or Taluka or Tehsil, the Department shall provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations in coordination with the existing Registrars of UIDAI or by becoming a UIDAI Registrar themselves.
- 2. In order to provide benefits to the beneficiaries under the Scheme conveniently, the Department shall make all the required arrangements to ensure that wide publicity through the media shall be given to the beneficiaries to make them aware of the said requirement.
- 3. In all cases, where Aadhaar authentication fails due to poor biometrics of the beneficiaries due to any other reason, the following remedial mechanisms shall be adopted, namely;
 - a) in case of poor fingerprint quality, Iris scan or face authentication facility shall be adopted for authentication, thereby the Department shall make provisions for IRIS scanners or face authentication along with fingerprint authentication for delivery of benefits in seamless manner.
 - b) in case the biometric authentication through fingerprints or Iris scan is not successful, wherever feasible and admissible authentication by Aadhaar One Time Password or Time-based One-Time Password with limited time validity, as the case may be shall be offered.
- 4. In addition to the above, the Department has followed the exception handling mechanism as outlined in the Office Memorandum of DBT mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, Dated: 19th December, 2017, as per the requirement of the Department, the authentication through DT (CS)/RIs/VRAs has been provided to blind/Leprosy and bedridden beneficiaries who could not get their entitlements through their biometric authentication (subject to restriction to a maximum of 1% of the total cards in a FP shop), to ensure that no bona fide beneficiaries under the Scheme are deprived of his due benefits.
- 5. This notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

V. ANIL KUMAR EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Telangana, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner, Printing and Stationary & Stores Purchases, Hyderabad. (with a request for publication of the notification in extraordinary issue of the Telangana Gazette & District gazette and to furnish 50 copies).

All the Departments of Secretariat, Telangana.

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